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SERBIA WEAKENING

UNABLE TO STOP PRESSURE OF AUSTRO-GERMANS—STEADY GAINS BY INVADERS.

BULGARS CHECKED IN SOUTH

French Union with Defending Army Relieves Situation in Macedonia—Violent Struggles Continue on East and West Battle Fronts.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

London.—The Serbian troops which have been so gallantly holding the little northeastern corner of their country, where the Austro-German and Bulgarian armies are about to join, are being slowly forced back as the pressure upon them becomes greater. The marquis of Lansdowne, minister without portfolio, in the British cabinet, regretfully announced to the house of lords that he feared they could not much longer withstand the attacks. In fact, all along the northern and eastern frontiers of Serbia the invaders are making steady progress, although at great cost, as the Serbians, now that they have reached the hills, are making them pay heavily for every mile covered.

It is only in the south, where the French have joined hands with the Serbians, that the Bulgarians are being held. Here the French and Serbians are entrenching themselves and awaiting reinforcements which they hope will enable them to drive the Bulgarians out of Macedonia.

On the eastern and western battle fronts, as in Serbia, heavy fighting continues.

OIL KING SPENDS MILLION.

But Cannot Bar Business From His Home Block.

New York.—Efforts by John D. Rockefeller to exclude all mercantile business from the block in West Fifty-fourth street, from Fifth avenue to Sixth avenue, where he and his son have their homes, have failed, and a firm of art dealers has leased the residence of Commodore Morton E. Plant for a store.

Mr. Rockefeller has been buying every house in the block where it was feared that business might get a foothold. The last two houses secured were valued at \$370,000, and it is estimated that his efforts to shut out the shops had cost him close to \$1,000,000. He was unable to buy the Plant home, as it was understood the owner would not sell.

136 Words a Minute.

New York.—Miss Margaret B. Owen, of New York, has again won the world's championship as a typewriter operator and the \$1,000 trophy which goes with the title. In a contest here Miss Owen maintained for an hour an average of 136 words a minute. Her previous record was 132 words a minute.

Warned to Keep Fewer Stamps.

Washington, D. C.—Postoffice burglaries have been so numerous of late that an order has gone forth to all postmasters except of the first class throughout the country to keep on hand a smaller number of stamps and other papers of a commercial value, and to guard them more carefully.

Charles T. Granger Dead.

Long Beach, Cal.—Charles T. Granger, former chief justice of the Iowa supreme court, died here October 26, aged 80. He retired in 1900, after having served on the Iowa circuit, district and supreme benches since 1872. He was a former resident of Waukon, Allamakee county, Ia.

Ruling on Compensation Act.

Madison, Wis.—The supreme court has held that the typhoid fever contracted through drinking water furnished by the employer and resulting in the death of said employee is an accident and within the meanings of the workmen's compensation act.

Woman Sleeps Several Days.

Sioux City, Ia.—Mrs. G. B. Goude, of Miller, S. D., went to sleep October 21 at the home of her son, W. F. Goude, 2619 Douglas street, Sioux City. She could not be awakened, and at midnight October 26 death came.

No One Responsible.

New York.—A coroner's jury has failed to hold anyone criminally responsible for the subway accident in which eight persons lost their lives at Seventieth avenue and Twenty-fourth street September 22 last.

Freight Cars for Russ.

Pittsburgh.—It is known here that the pressed steel car company has completed an order for 7,500 steel freight cars for the Russian government.

One Hundred Lose Lives.

Manila.—A typhoon has partly wiped out the town of Tobacco. One hundred persons were killed and the railroad line was washed away. The governor general is sending a relief expedition to the stricken district.

Washington, D. C.—Suspension of postal money order exchanges between the United States and Greece have been ordered by Postmaster General Burleson pending the negotiations of a new postal convention between the two countries.

BERLIN DEFENDS ACT

GERMAN GOVERNMENT SAYS EXECUTION OF NURSE WAS JUSTIFIED.

GAVE AID TO THE ENEMY

Statement Declares That Governor General of Belgium Warned Against Practice—Asserts France Slew Two German Women.

Amsterdam, Oct. 26, via London.—The following inspired telegram received from Berlin by way of Brussels, dealing with the execution of Miss Cavell, was published here on Sunday:

"As the foreign press is discussing in an incorrect and exaggerated manner the execution of the English woman, Edith Cavell, for treason, the circumstances in the case, according to the facts, may again be stated. It was proved after a long trial of the sentenced person; that for some months past had been engaged in assisting Belgians of military age to enlist in hostile armies and in enabling French and English deserters to escape the country. They had many helpers and had organized branches. The governor general had repeatedly issued warnings against such activity, pointing out that severe punishment for such action was unavoidable. The guilty persons were sentenced in a public sitting, according to the law based on the provisions of the imperial penal code and the military penal code for war treason and espionage.

"No special law exists for Belgium and no so-called 'usage of war' influenced the verdict of the court. The accused, for the most part, admitted their guilt, and acknowledged they were risking. Miss Cavell was the principal agent in the plot to enlist Belgians for the allies. With regard to the assertion that she in the course of her profession unselfishly tended other persons, it may be pointed out that she earned a living by nursing, charging fees within the means of rich people only. Women also have been executed in France, as was instanced in March last, when the German woman, Margarete Schmidt, was executed at Nancy, and in May at Bourges, when the German, Otilie Moss, was put to death.

"The English government may remember the cruelties committed by Lord Kitchener during the Boer war on women and children. Our present enemies do not need to protect their armies against a population and a hostile occupied country, nor are they under the necessity of pronouncing or executing such sentences, for they have occupied so little hostile territory."

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Paris, Oct. 22.—Fifty-two persons were killed in an explosion on Wednesday in a factory in the Rue de Tolbiac, while 100 or more were injured. Many of the victims were women workers in the factory, which was wrecked, as were the buildings in the vicinity. President Poincare and Minister of the Interior Malvy, who were informed immediately of the disaster, visited the scene and gave directions to the rescuing forces. An auto truck was being loaded, when workmen accidentally dropped one grenade, causing an explosion which was followed by two others in quick succession.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The appointment of the following postmasters was announced on Wednesday at the White House:

Illinois—Joseph W. Davis, Harrisburg; G. W. Frome, Woodstock.

Indiana—Clarence E. Magers, Newport.

Wisconsin—J. S. Barry, Phillips; P. P. Dugal, Cadott; Mary I. Crilly, Hanna; J. L. Masters, Torrington.

New York, Oct. 25.—T. Waldo Story, the famous sculptor, died at his home here Saturday from a blood clot on the brain.

Marengo, Ill., Oct. 25.—R. M. Patrick, aged eighty-five, president of a bank here and father-in-law of Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis of Brooklyn, was knocked down by an automobile here on Friday and probably fatally injured.

London, Oct. 25.—The Bulgarian port of Dedagatch in the Aegean sea was bombarded by a British squadron on Friday, according to a Reuters dispatch from Sofia by way of Amsterdam.

Manitowoc, Wis., Oct. 23.—Anton Lang, who became world famous through his interpretation of the life of Christ in the Passion play given at Oberammergau, has been killed in battle, according to word received by his cousin, Alois Lang of this city, from the German government.

7,500 Belgians Departed. London, Oct. 26.—Belgian subjects between the ages of seventeen and thirty-five have been ordered to report to the German commander. Seven thousand five hundred so far have been deported to Germany.

Boys War Supplies in U. S. New York, Oct. 26.—Capt. L. C. Lima and Capt. Thomas Hernandez of the Portuguese army arrived on the American liner St. Paul to purchase military supplies for their government.

"DID YOU EVER SEE SUCH A NUT?"



CAPTURE 2,000 SERBS KILL 3 U. S. SOLDIERS

BULGARS ALSO TAKE 12 CANNON FROM ENEMY.

SEVENTY-FIVE MEXICANS ATTACK 15 AMERICANS.

Big Invasion of Country Forces Serbians to Remove Archives to New Capital.

Eight Yankee Troopers Are Wounded—Outlaws Flee When Reinforcements Arrive.

London, Oct. 23.—Unable, owing to Bulgarian activity to the southward, to effect a transfer to Monastir, Serbia has sent her government archives from Nish to Fribourg, on the Albanian frontier.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 23.—Three United States soldiers were killed and eight others wounded in an engagement with Mexican bandits near Ojo de Agua, about two o'clock Thursday morning. The troops guarding the place, which is near Mission, Tex., and about thirty miles north of Brownsville, were attacked by a large band.

The Austro-German forces are advancing into Serbia slowly but steadily, their latest claim being that a junction has been effected west of Semendria. The railroad between Nish and Salonki has been cut by Bulgarians, sweeping over the frontier in superior numbers.

List of dead: Sergeant Shafer, Troop G, Third Cavalry; Private Joyce, Company D, signal corps, and Private McCann, same company.

There is still doubt as to whether the Bulgarians have cut the railway near Vranja, the Serbian government denying the report that they have done so, while other accounts say the Bulgarians reached the city, but were driven back.

McCann, same company. Capt. Frank R. McCoy arrived with relieving troops, and the bandits fell back in the brush between Ojo de Agua and the Rio Grande. Additional troops were rushed to the scene from nearby border patrol stations, and search made for the bandits.

Bulgarians have captured Istip and Cotfana, says an Athens message to the Exchange Telegraph.

The bandits apparently failed in their purpose to take the American troops by surprise. A picket reported their presence in time to give the troopers a chance to take position for their desperate resistance against odds.

It is reported from Frankfort that the central powers have decided to undertake another campaign, this time against Montenegro.

The fifteen soldiers, fighting one against five, against Mexicans skilled in brush shooting, held their ground, although half of them were put out of commission, until relief came from Mission, two miles away, where Captain McCoy took two troops in reserve. Captain McCoy took two troops of cavalry, totaling about sixty men, to the rescue, and the Mexicans fled upon his approach.

GERMAN CRUISER TORPEDOED

War Vessel Carrying 557 Men Destroyed by British Submarine, Says Petrograd.

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—A British submarine has sunk a German cruiser of the Prinz Adalbert type near Libau. It was officially announced here on Sunday.

At least five Mexicans were killed in the battle. The dead Mexicans wore white handbags bearing the words, "Vive Villa."

The Prinz Adalbert was a cruiser of 9,950 tons displacement, built in 1901. There was but one other ship of this class, the Friedrich Karl, in the German navy, and the victim of the torpedo is believed to be one of these vessels.

They each carried a complement of 557 men, were 394 feet long and with a beam of 65 feet and a draft of 25 feet. They each carried four 8.2-inch guns, ten six-inch guns and smaller ordnance.

STATE SENATOR DAILEY HURT

Illinois and Family Injured in Auto Accident—Washington Man Killed.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 25.—Joseph Johnston of Washington, D. C., aged twenty-two, was killed when an automobile belonging to State senator John Dailey was overturned near Streator on Friday. Senator Dailey, his wife and their daughter, Lucille, and Attorney Hugh Wilson of this city were injured. Miss Dailey was driving the car. The injured victims are in St. Mary's hospital in Streator. Johnston is reported to have been engaged to marry Miss Dailey.

WILSON BARS ARMS TO VILLA

Embargo Expects Carranza From Order—Henry P. Fletcher May Be Ambassador.

Washington, Oct. 22.—President Wilson on Wednesday declared an embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition to Mexico. The president signed a supplementary order, however, which exempts Carranza's government from the embargo and permits munitions to go through to him unhampered. The prohibition applies to the factions opposed to the government which the United States has recognized. It virtually has been decided to name Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Chile, for the new diplomatic post.

GERMANS LOSE TWO FIGHTS

Berlin Says Russians Forced a Division to Retreat and Captured 3,500 Troops at Another Place.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—A German division has been forced to retreat in the Rytz region, says an official report issued on Tuesday. It lost several guns. Another German reverse, with the loss of 2,500 as prisoners, is reported as a result of a battle between Pinsk and Vilna.

German Dives to Death.

London, Oct. 25.—Field Marshal Sir John French says: "On the 22d four enemy airmen were driven away. One of the German aeroplanes dived head first from a height of 7,000 feet into wood just behind the enemy's lines."

Electric Strike is Ended. Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 26.—The strike for an eight-hour day by 13,000 employees of the General Electric company's plant was settled by the strikers agreeing to accept the company's offer of settlement.

Norwegian Bark Sunk.

London, Oct. 25.—The Norwegian bark Cisse, bound for Port Arthur, Texas, was sunk with the loss of seven members of her crew off the Isle of Wight when she collided with a British steamer; 17 escaped.

Find More Dead Mexicans. Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 25.—Bodies of two more Mexicans, who are supposed to have been killed in the fight between Mexican raiders and United States troops near Ojo de Agua, were found in the mesquite brush.

GREECE WON'T FIGHT

ENTENTE POWERS INFORMED THAT NATION REFUSES TO ACCEPT OFFER.

REPLY WAS NOT UNEXPECTED

Britain's Proposals Included the Ceding of Cyprus and Other Concessions in Return for Military Aid Against Teutons.

London, Oct. 25.—Greece has informed the entente powers that she cannot at present accept the proposals made in return for her participation in the war.

These proposals included the ceding of the island of Cyprus to Greece, as well as other territorial and financial concessions, in return for Greek military co-operation with Serbia.

The Greek reply, which is lengthy, reached the foreign office Friday night. The text of the document was not made public.

The reply was not unexpected. It has often been stated in official circles that both Roumania and Greece were withholding their assistance until the allies either won a decisive victory or until their operations had reached a stage which would preclude the overrunning of the countries by the forces of the central powers or the Turkish and Balkan allies.

ASKS BRITONS TO ENLIST

King George of Great Britain Pleads for Volunteers to Save the Empire.

London, Oct. 25.—King George on Friday night issued an appeal to all classes of the British people to come forward and share their responsibility in the war. In the message, which was issued from Buckingham palace, the king said the end of the war was not in sight. The message follows:

"To the People: At this grave moment in the struggle between my people and a highly organized enemy who has transgressed the laws of nations and changed the ordinance that binds civilized Europe together, I appeal to you.

"I reiterate in my empire's effort. I feel pride in the voluntary response from my subjects all over the world who have sacrificed home, fortune, life itself, in order that another may not inherit the free empire which ancestors of mine built.

"I ask you to make good these sacrifices. The end is not in sight. More men, and yet more, are wanted to keep my armies in the field, and, through them, secure victory and enduring peace.

"In ancient days in the darkest moment ever produced in the men of our race the sternest resolve. I ask you men of all classes to come forward voluntarily and take your share in the fight.

"In freely responding to my appeal you will be giving your support to our brothers who for long months have nobly upheld Great Britain's past traditions and the glory of her arms.

"GEORGE, R. I."

TRAIN HITS AUTO, 7 KILLED

Mother, Five Children and Woman Lose Lives Near Mount Clemens, Mich.—Husband Fatally Hurt.

Mount Clemens, Mich., Oct. 26.—A mother, her five children and her sister were instantly killed and one man was fatally injured at Fraser Crossing of the Grand Trunk railroad, five miles from here, on Sunday when a Grand Trunk passenger train struck an automobile driven by William Stoldt, a farmer of Avon township.

The dead are: Mrs. Rachel Stoldt, Avon township, forty-four, mother of the children and wife of William Stoldt; Miss Minnie Engle, forty-seven, Romeo, sister of Mrs. Stoldt; Pearl Stoldt, seventeen years old; Esther Stoldt, fifteen years old; Hazel Stoldt, twelve years old; Mabel Stoldt, six years old; Martha Stoldt, six years old. All were dead with the exception of the one man in the party. He gave his name as William Stoldt, a farmer of Avon township. It is said he will die. Just how the accident occurred is all conjecture.

EX-JUDGE J. H. BAKER DEAD

Former Justice of U. S. District Court Dies at Goshen, Ind., After Illness of Less Than Three Weeks.

Goshen, Ind., Oct. 23.—John H. Baker, eighty-three, retired judge of the United States district court, for three times a member of congress from the Thirteenth Indiana district, and who practiced law here for nearly half a century, died at his home here on Thursday, following an illness of less than three weeks. Infirmities of age and stomach trouble were the cause of his death.

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DUNDY COUNTY JAIL IN BAD

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The Dundy county jail at Benkleman was severely condemned in a report on the condition of three jails and two poor farms in Nebraska filed with Governor Morehead by J. W. Shahan, chief clerk of the Board of Charities and Correction. The jail, according to the report, is a small room, ten by twelve feet on the second floor of a building that is not fireproof. It has no sewer connections, no water, no toilets, and therefore is decided unsafe and unsanitary for the housing of prisoners.

While Furnas county has a basement jail in the court house at Beaver City, the reports says it is well ventilated and up to requirements. The county farm was found large and adequate, with a large supply of stock and 160 acres of land. Red Willow county has a basement jail at McCook, reported fitted with all necessary sanitary equipment and kept neat by Sheriff L. A. Pritch. While the county farm has only one inmate it is roomy and adequate.

Nebraska had but 44,261 automobiles when the assessors in the ninety-three counties of the state made their returns, according to the report of Secretary Benecker of the State Board of Equalization. The state's investment in automobiles amounts, in round numbers, to \$16,000,000. The average value of automobiles in the state was \$365. Banner county had the fewest machines, with sixty, at an average value of \$460. Sarpy county, with 275 machines, reported an average value of \$490. Holt county placed the lowest average value, with \$200. Douglas county reported an average value of \$410 and Lancaster \$510.

Farmers and others interested in the progress of work being carried on by the Agricultural Experiment Station of Nebraska will find a concise statement of these projects in the twenty-eighth annual report, which is being issued. The annual report of the Agricultural Extension Service is included in the same pamphlet. A copy of this publication may be had without cost to residents of Nebraska upon application to the Director of the Experiment Station, University Farm, Lincoln.

Miss Edith A. Lathrop, who was elected by the normal board at Kearney a week ago to a position in the training school and rural school department at the Chadron Normal, stated that she will not accept it at the salary offered and the kind of work specified. She has devoted herself to rural school matters and prefers to continue along that line. The salary at Chadron is \$1,485 a year, as against \$1,800, which she now receives in the state superintendent's office.

The sleeping porch, too, has edged its way into our social consciousness in these latter days. It also is a big part of the house. Doctors prescribe and children cry for it.

Statistics indicate a general lowering death rate among Americans, rural and urban. One wonders whether the advent of the sleeping porch has had an appreciable influence in bringing about this result. The gospel of fresh air owes some acknowledgment to this part of the house which lures men, women and children out of stuffy rooms and fills their lungs with fresh air. The porch knows no social caste; it is not a rich man's privilege alone. The humblest home may possess it and, in fact, usually does. More power to it.

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The two accompanying views show concretely the effect in making the city beautiful of the removal of telegraph and trolley wire poles from the main streets. The telegraph and high-

A boon in the erection of country school houses is on in this state, a boon which has not been equaled in years, according to the mute testimony of the state bond record. During the past several months, according to that record, there have been more issues of bonds registered with the state auditor than during entire years in the past. The greater share of these issues come from western and northwestern Nebraska.

The best way to market alfalfa hay which was raised upon this season is to feed it to live stock, according to the College of Agriculture. On the other hand, the feeding of poor alfalfa hay is not considered as profitable as the feeding of good hay. Lamps fed poor alfalfa at the experiment station returned but one-half the price per ton which the lot receiving good alfalfa returned.

Three-fourths of Nebraska's annual \$2,000,000 fire loss is due to carelessness and ignorance, according to State Fire Commissioner Ridgell, who called upon schools, cities and civic organizations to pay heed to State fire day, November 5.

State Bacteriologist Wild says the public well that supplies the public schools at Reynolds was found bad. A private well at the same place was still worse. The Fuller municipal well at Pawnee City was found impure.

Secretary E. R. Royle of the State Banking board, will propose a law before the next legislature to prevent the consolidation of state and national banks. The recent merger of a state and national bank in Omaha rubbed the fur of the banking board the wrong way and Royle's proposal is the result. The banking secretary would also have a law passed permitting the levying of an assessment on deposits taken over by a state bank from any national institution for the benefit of the state guaranty fund.

HOME TOWN HELPS

IMPORTANT PART OF HOUSE

Wide Builder Will Always Provide for Porch That is Comfortable in All Weather.

A case before the city building commissioner for decision hinges on the question whether a porch is part of a house. It is a technical point the official is to decide, involving an interpretation of the municipal building code. Technically aside, however, the question almost answers itself, of course, a porch is part of a house, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. In the modern house it is likely to be about the most important part for six or seven months of the year.

Some day a monument may be erected to the memory of the person who first suggested the porch, if anyone is able to fix his identity. More probably, an investigator would find that the porch is a result of evolution like a modern locomotive or an automobile, for which no individual could claim credit. The "stoop" of our grandfathers, like the wheezy "engine" of pioneer days, has been exalted to a position of high service and respect.

Part of a house? Ask an architect or a contractor. The modern man who plans a comfortable residence himself designs the kind of porch he deems suitable to his comfort and dignity and when that is done gives secondary thought to the rest of the house. The porch must be big enough to entertain on, big enough to eat on in reasonable weather; it must be screened for protection against insect pests. If one wishes for comfort de luxe he may give his porch a fireplace and defy cool evenings to drive him inside.

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